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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action dated July 3, 2002 for the above-identified patent application.

	A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
[]	A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [] \$55.00 (2814) [] \$110.00 (1814) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
[]	Also enclosed is
[]	Small entity status is hereby claimed.
[]	Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$375.00 (2801) [] \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
	[] Applicant(s) previously submitted, on, for which continued examination is requested.
[]	Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least _, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

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[]	A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a
	(146/246) is also enclosed.

- [X] No additional claim fee is required.
- [] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS						
	No. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE	
Total Claims	13	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0	
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$84.00 (1201) =	0	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					0	
Total Amendment Fee					0	
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					0	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					0	

l	J	A claim i	ee in the a	mount of \$	is enclosed.
[]	Charge \$		_to Deposit Account N	o. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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